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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Report of the First Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security" was included in the provisional agenda of the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly in accordance with Assembly resolution 45/80 of 12 December 1990.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1991, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee.

3. The Committee considered item 68, jointly with item 67, at its 40th to 45th meetings from 21 to 27 November 1991 (see A/C.1/46/PV.40-45).

4. In connection with item 68, the First Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security (A/46/575);

(b) Letter dated 4 February 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/18-S/22198);

(c) Letter dated 19 March 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/119-S/22369);

(d) Letter dated 25 March 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/125-S/22417);

(e) Letter dated 26 March 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/126-S/22418);

(f) Letter dated 1 April 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/128-S/22429);

(g) Letter dated 12 April 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/140-S/22501);

(h) Letter dated 16 April 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/151-S/22504);

(i) Letter dated 15 April 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/153-S/22506);

(j) Letter dated 29 April 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/162-S/22556);

(k) Letter dated 3 May 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/165-S/22571);

(l) Letter dated 15 May 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/174-S/22605);

(m) Letter dated 15 May 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/176-S/22607);

(n) Letter dated 16 May 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/178-S/22610);

(o) Letter dated 24 May 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/190-S/22645);

(p) Letter dated 28 May 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/202-S/22647 and Corr.1);

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(q) Letter dated 26 June 1991 from the Permanent Representatives of Bulgaria and the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the Joint Communiqué signed at Kiev on 13 April 1991 (A/46/273);

(r) Letter dated 7 July 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/292-A/22769);

(s) Letter dated 9 July 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/294);

(t) Letter dated 9 July 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the Communiqué of the Political Consultative Committee of the Warsaw Treaty Member States and the respective Protocol (A/46/300-S/22782);

(u) Note verbale dated 15 July 1991 from the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/304-S/22796);

(v) Letter dated 19 July 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/313-S/22816);

(w) Letter dated 23 July 1991 from the representatives of Germany and Poland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the information on the Treaty on Good Neighbourliness and Friendly Cooperation of 17 June 1991 between the Federal Republic of Germany and the Republic of Poland (A/46/322);

(x) Letter dated 22 July 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the joint communiqué of the twenty-fourth ASEAN Ministerial Meeting, issued at Kuala Lumpur on 20 July 1991 (A/46/323-S/22836);

(y) Letter dated 29 July 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/329-S/22855);

(z) Letter dated 21 August 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the texts of the declarations of the European Community and its member States, issued on 20 and 22 August 1991 (A/46/379);

(aa) Letter dated 27 August 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/384);

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(bb) Letter dated 28 August 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/388);

(cc) Letter dated 29 August 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the declaration of the European Community and its member States, issued on 27 August 1991 (A/46/406);

(dd) Letter dated 3 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/408);

(ee) Letter dated 3 September 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/416);

(ff) Letter dated 5 September 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/426);

(gg) Letter dated 6 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/427);

(hh) Letter dated 6 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/436);

(ii) Letter dated 5 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the declaration of the European Community and its member States, issued on 3 September 1991 (A/46/453);

(jj) Letter dated 12 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/470);

(kk) Letter dated 12 September 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/472);

(ll) Letter dated 18 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/484);

(mm) Letter dated 19 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the documents adopted by the Twentieth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held at Istanbul from 4 to 8 August 1991 (A/46/486-S/23055);

(nn) Letter dated 20 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General,

transmitting the text of the declaration of the European Community and its member States, issued on 19 September 1991 (A/46/487-S/23059);

(oo) Letter dated 27 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/513-S/23099);

(pp) Letter dated 30 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/514-S/23100);

(qq) Letter dated 7 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/531-S/23117);

(rr) Letter dated 7 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the texts of the declarations of the European Community and its member States, issued on 5 and 6 October 1991 (A/46/533);

(ss) Letter dated 8 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/547-S/23124);

(tt) Letter dated 8 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/548-S/23125);

(uu) Letter dated 10 October 1991 from the Permanent Representatives of Hungary and Poland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/559-S/23136);

(vv) Letter dated 18 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Belarus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/582);

(ww) Letter dated 21 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/587);

(xx) Letter dated 8 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the Declaration of Non-nuclear Korean Peninsula Peace Initiative, made on 8 November 1991 (A/46/621-S/23201);

(yy) Letter dated 20 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Cape Verde to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the joint statement issued by the Permanent Representatives of Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique and Sao Tome and Principe to the United Nations on the situation in East Timor (A/46/694-S/23235);

(zz) Letter dated 20 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/696-S/23231);

(aaa) Letter dated 18 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/697);

(bbb) Letter dated 19 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the Joint Declaration on the Baltic States, issued on the occasion of the meeting on 6 September 1991 of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the member States of the European Community and the Representatives of the Commission and the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania (A/C.1/46/2);

(ccc) Letter dated 14 October 1991 from the Permanent Representatives of Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the texts of the Cracow Declaration of the leaders of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, Hungary and Poland and the statement by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of those three States (A/C.1/46/7);

(ddd) Letter dated 21 October 1991 from the Permanent Representatives of the Netherlands, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the Declaration on Yugoslavia, issued on 18 October 1991 by the European Community and its member States, the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (A/C.1/46/11);

(eee) Letter dated 28 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the declaration of the European Community and its member States on the situation in Yugoslavia, issued on 28 October 1991 (A/C.1/46/13);

(fff) Letter dated 30 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the declaration of the European Community and its member States on Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, issued on 27 October 1991 (A/C.1/46/14);

(ggg) Letter dated 8 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the declaration of the European Community and its member States on the situation in Yugoslavia, issued on 8 November 1991 (A/C.1/46/17);

(hhh) Letter dated 11 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.1/46/19);

(iii) Letter dated 11 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.1/46/20);

(jjj) Letter dated 18 November 1991 from the Permanent Representatives of the Netherlands and the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of a statement, issued on 9 November 1991 by the European Community and its member States and the United States of America (A/C.1/46/22).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

Draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.53 and draft decision A/C.1/46/L.54

5. On 26 November 1991, Algeria, Cuba, Egypt, Indonesia, Pakistan and Yugoslavia submitted a draft resolution entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security" (A/C.1/46/L.53), which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 45/80 of 12 December 1990,

"Conscious that the present stage of mankind's development, distinctive for its technological, economic and political changes, is conducive to making accelerated progress towards the building of a more peaceful, secure, just, equitable, democratic and humane world,

"Reaffirming the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, in particular the respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of States, non-use or threat of use of force in international relations, non-intervention, peaceful settlement of international disputes, equal rights and the right to self-determination of all peoples under colonial and racist regimes and foreign occupation, as well as the principle of the sovereign equality of States,

"Stressing that respect for the purposes and principles of the Charter and for international law, general and complete disarmament, the relaxation of international tension, enhanced international cooperation for economic and social development, including global cooperation for environmentally sound development, the complete eradication of colonialism, apartheid and all forms of racism and racial discrimination, and respect for human rights, are closely interrelated in providing the basis for international peace and security,

"Welcoming the continuing positive changes at the global level characterized by the end of the cold war, the relaxation of tensions and the emergence of a new spirit governing international relations, which open new vistas for the promotion of world peace and international cooperation,

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"Welcoming also in this context, that a number of conflicts are being resolved through negotiations in an atmosphere of understanding and cooperation,

"Expressing at the same time its serious concern over the persisting conflicts and problems and the new emerging threats to international peace and security and its support for all efforts towards a peaceful and just resolution of hotbeds of crisis in the world,

"Stressing the imperative need for disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, in both its qualitative and quantitative dimensions, towards the achievement of the final objective of general and complete disarmament under effective international control,

"Considering that there can be no stable and lasting peace and security in the world without the resolution of grave economic problems, particularly the requirements of economic development of developing countries,

"Stressing that the promotion of freedom and human rights is one of the basic objectives of the world community, and emphasizing, in this context, that apartheid and all forms of racism have to be eradicated,

"Reaffirming the inalienable right to self-determination and independence of all peoples under colonial and racist regimes and foreign occupation, as well as the legitimacy of their struggle,

"Stressing that the emerging system of international security should be rooted in the purposes and principles of the Charter,

"Reaffirming that the United Nations is the fundamental instrument for regulating international relations and resolving international problems and that its main organs, particularly the Security Council, are responsible for the maintenance and effective promotion of international peace and security,

"Stressing the importance of the strengthening of the cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations,

"1. Reaffirms the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, and the need for its implementation;

"2. Reaffirms also that all States must abide, in their international relations, by the Charter of the United Nations and its purposes and principles;

"3. Stresses the principles of respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of States, non-use or threat of use of force in international relations, non-intervention and non-interference, peaceful settlement of international disputes, equal rights and the right

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to self-determination of all peoples under colonial and racist regimes and foreign occupation, as well as the principle of the sovereign equality of States, as enshrined in the Charter;

"4. Stresses the need for further strengthening of the role of the United Nations in the maintenance of peace and security and promoting respect for international law, as well as in economic and social development and progress for the benefit of mankind;

"5. Calls upon all States to seek, through utilization of the means provided for in Chapter VI of the Charter, the peaceful settlement of disputes and the elimination of the focal points of crisis and tension, which constitute a threat to international peace and security;

"6. Urges all States, in particular the nuclear-weapon States and other militarily significant States, to take further immediate action towards the final objective of achieving general and complete disarmament under effective international control;

"7. Reaffirms that the democratization of international relations is an imperative necessity, and stresses its belief that the United Nations offers the best framework for the promotion of this goal;

"8. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, on the basis of the views received from the Member States, a study on the ways and means for strengthening international security on the basis of the Charter, and to submit it to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

"9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session the item entitled Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security."

6. At the request of the sponsors, no action was taken on draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.53 (see A/C.1/46/PV.44).

7. At the 44th meeting, on 27 November, Algeria, Cuba, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Madagascar, Pakistan, Yugoslavia and Zimbabwe submitted a draft decision entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security". At the same meeting, the draft decision was introduced by the representative of Yugoslavia.

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.1/46/L.54 without a vote (see para. 9).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

9. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security

The General Assembly

1. Reaffirms the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security; ^{1/}

2. Recalls its previous resolutions on this item, the latest of which is resolution 45/80 of 12 December 1990;

3. Invites Member States to provide their views on the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its 47th session;

4. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its 47th session the item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

^{1/} Resolution 2734 (XXV).